

Computer viruses set back services

By Analiz González
Staff Writer

Students who went to the Registrar's or Admissions offices late last month had to wait in a longer line than usual after viruses struck UTB/TSC's

computer network, causing a slowdown in service.

About 20 university computers were affected by viruses Blaster and Nichi, university officials said.

"Segments of our network on campus were hit, by primarily

Blaster," said Gus Barreda, director of Information Systems. "Although it didn't damage anything data-wise, and it really didn't harm any computer systems ... the network was responding too slowly."

Information Systems Manager

Gerald Alexander said the university computers suffered a real slow down for about four hours on Aug. 20 and got about 80 percent [operating capacity] back in another two or three hours and by the next day, everything was

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Info shop trims time in the line

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There is nothing worse than standing in long line after long line at UTB/TSC. Now you can save yourself the trouble by visiting the Information Shop or simply logging on to Scorpion Online.

Scorpion Online and the Information Shop, also known as the One-Stop Centers, officially began providing services for students, faculty and staff after the June 26 unveiling in Tandy Hall.

"It is our plan that the One-Stop Centers will phase out Arena Registration," said Linda Fossen, associate vice president for enrollment planning. "Students are often in line for a lot of hours during Arena and we don't feel that that is the best way to service our students, but that won't mean that we will not have a late registration available ... we will be expanding the

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Settling in at The Village



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Bryan Green, a freshman management information systems major, unpacks with help from his mother, Kerri Wikoff (center), and grandmother, Carolyn Coken, during move-in day Aug. 23 at the Village at Fort Brown, UTB/TSC's student housing facility. Green, a member of the Scorpion Baseball Team, is from Bay City, Texas. He is one of 240 students living at the Village, which is at full occupancy.

Senate bill threatens High School Equivalency Program

By Adrian Peña
Staff Writer

The High School Equivalency Program, which has graduated 261 students since it began five years ago, is in jeopardy, UTB/TSC officials say.

In 1999, HEP was funded by a

five-year federal grant totaling \$1,985,000.

To continue the program, UTB/TSC must submit a grant proposal to the U.S Department of Education by March 15, 2004, said Mary Treviño, interim director of HEP.

However, a Senate bill would

Graduate praises HEP,
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cut \$10 million from HEP and the College Assistance Migrant Program, Treviño said, adding that the Senate is scheduled to consider the bill next month.

An amendment to the bill, by

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., "would restore funding to several high priority Hispanic programs, including HEP, bilingual education, Hispanic-serving institutions, dropout prevention and the Migrant Education pro-

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back to normal.

"Arena Registration was the following day and Arena wasn't affected at all," Alexander said. "It could have been a lot worse."

If the virus had not been caught when it was, it could have stopped registration altogether, he said.

"We have a very good staff at the university that keeps very close monitoring of those activities," Barreda said.

He said the virus hit because some UTB/TSC employees did not keep their McAfee anti-virus programs up-to-date.

"If they had kept their anti-virus programs current, we wouldn't have had the problem that we have," Barreda said.

Alexander said UTB/TSC uses two different anti-virus programs on campus, Norton and McAfee. Norton allows the university's main offices to push anti-virus updates to all desktop computers on campus, assuring that all campus computers are current. The machines that use McAfee require the person using the machine to go to the McAfee Web site to get the update.

The 20 computers that were not updated were protected by McAfee, Barreda said.

In order to try to prevent future computer viruses from entering our net-

work, Norton software has been purchased and is being installed.

"All of the McAfee PCs in UTB/TSC are going to be changed to Norton," Barreda said. "It will be standardized throughout the university and it will be

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--Gus Barreda, director of Information Systems

a lot safer, as far as anti-viruses are concerned."

Even though a lot of time was lost, the university did not have to spend any money to fix the problems caused by the viruses, Barreda said.

"There are staff out there that are having to fix these problems, and their time could be spent on doing something more productive than trying to recover from an attack like that," he said. "Time is money, as they say. We didn't do things that we could have been doing because of the time that we've had to repair PCs and protect them from these viruses."

Briefs

Larry Witham, a writer for The Washington Times and the winner of numerous awards for reporting on religion and society, will discuss science and religion on the radio program "Society Under Fire," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH-FM (88.9). Witham is the author of five books, including "By Design: Science and the Search for God" (Encounter Books, 2003). **David Pearson**, associate professor of sociology in the Behavioral Sciences Department, hosts the program.

The **Gorgas Science Society** will meet at 1 p.m. Friday in SET-B room 1.350. For more information, contact club president Enrique Saldivar III at Derth812@awesomenet.net.

The **Criminal Justice Association**

will conduct its first general meeting at 6 p.m. Friday in the Gorgas Hall boardroom. This meeting is open for returning and prospective members.

Companies, groups and individuals are invited to participate as walking teams or individual walkers in the **Brownsville American Heart Walk**, scheduled at 9 a.m. Oct. 4 on the UTB/TSC campus. To sign up, access the Web site www.heartwalk.kintera.org/brownsvilletx or call Walk chair **Norma Vera** at 574-6701.

If you would like your club, organization or department news published in the briefs section, call Priscilla Garcia at 554-5143, e-mail her at collegian@utb.edu or visit The Collegian office, located in Student Union Room 1.28. The deadline for the Sept. 8 issue is 5 p.m. today.

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Spring financial aid deadline approaches

By Lorena Cruz

Tiempo Nuevo Editor

This semester is only a week old, but you might want to start preparing for Spring 2004 now, especially when it comes to applying for financial aid.

Oct. 1 is the deadline to submit an application for financial aid and the Institutional Scholarship for Spring 2004.

It is important to meet all financial aid deadlines in order to get your tuition and other fees paid by the first day of school.

"Basically, the payment deadline for the Business Office works in coordination with our [financial aid] deadline because we have to do our transmittal for first day disbursement," said Mari Chapa, Financial Aid director. "Students can continue to submit their documents and their financial aid applications [after deadlines are over], they just probably will not have the funds in time for [the] payment deadline."

Financial aid is available in the form of grants, loans, work-study and veterans' benefits.

A total of \$18 million in financial aid will be awarded this semester.

Last academic year, Financial Aid awarded \$39 million to about 8,200 students, representing a \$5 million to \$6 million increase from the year before.

"We had a significant increase [in funds] this last year and we hope that we can increase those funds that students need like discretionary funds [and] scholarships," Chapa said.

This semester, 6,500 students applied for financial aid. Of this amount, 5,600 students received their financial aid on the first day of classes, Chapa said.

Not meeting application deadlines is one of the reasons some students are getting their aid late.

"They didn't meet the priority deadlines for their documents," Chapa said.

Other reasons include the enrollment increase and students not updating their personal information at the Admissions Office.

"One of the biggest problems we have is that students move and don't update their addresses," Chapa said. "So, when we send out letters that we need documents, students don't get them, we get them as returned mail. I encourage students to update not only their mailing address, but [also] their phone numbers and e-mail addresses." Individual financial aid awards aver-



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Senior financial aid officer Marina Piña (left) assists management senior Carolyn Cooper with paperwork.

age between \$5,000 and \$6,000, depending on a student's income.

"About 55 percent of our students receive the Pell grant, which can award up to \$4,050," she said.

Student loans are another form of aid. "I always tell students, the student loan is your last resort, always count on your Pell grant, your state grants, your work-study before even thinking of going into a loan because it has a lot of responsibilities tied to it," Chapa said. "You are looking at a 10-year repayment."

There are two kinds of student loans: subsidized, in which interest is paid by the government while the person is attending school, and unsubsidized, in which the interest starts accruing after the first disbursement.

"Students need to really think about whether or not they want to go into debt because when they graduate they may have \$15,000 \$20,000, \$25,000 in debt already," she said.

The Financial Aid Office has a goal to increase scholarship funds by 10 percent this academic year and by 50 percent within five years.

Chapa said UTB/TSC recently received a \$20,000 scholarship from the South Texas Higher Education Authority.

This money will be granted to about 20 to 30 students who show financial need.

"This is a scholarship of last resort, for students that didn't get sufficient financial aid to cover their tuition, fees and books," Chapa said. "We haven't

encouraged to bring their parents' income tax return, along with their own 2002 tax return documentation. The documentation includes 1040s, W2s and any other documentation that shows financial need.

Students can also apply online for financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

"More students are relying on the online application," Chapa said. "The thing that I recommend for students ... before they do their FAFSA online is that they get their [personal identification] number from the federal government, and that PIN number is good for the rest of [their lives]."

You can get a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov.

"The good thing about doing [FAFSA] online is that we [get] the results in about four days ... [if] you mail it by snail mail [you will] get it in about four weeks," she said.

The Financial Aid office sees about 4,000 students per semester.

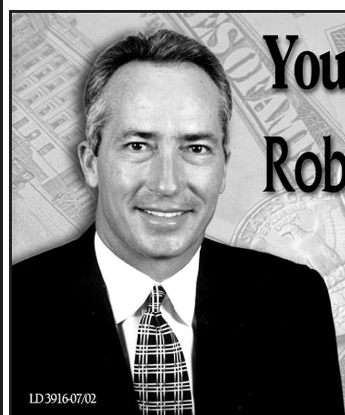
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availability of late registration for students."

Before the opening of the Info Shop, students had to spend a lot of time walking from office to office in order to get what they needed, from registration and financial aid to testing and academic advising.

The idea of an "Info Shop" had been brought up about six years ago, but it had never been implemented, said Terry Lopez, "Info Shop" coordinator.

"Basically, [the Info Shop] is a 'one-stop-shop,'" said René Villarreal, director of the Office of Admissions. "It alleviates the students from having to go from one office to another or having to walk across campus with questions. They are able to just stop here and get the response."

The Info Shop provides the following services:

- General information
- Catalogs, course schedules, guides, maps
- Admissions application status
- Biographical information (updates/corrections)
- Financial aid- document deficiency inquiry
- Financial aid award inquiry



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Art senior Avigail Hernandez skims through the UTB/TSC Info Shop looking for brochures on financial aid. The Info Shop opened in the Tandy Hall lobby this summer.

- Academic official transcript services
- Verification of enrollment requests
- Add and drop
- Course/university withdrawals

The Info Shop is located in the foyer of Tandy Hall and is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"[It] is a way that students can blend virtual service access with in-person [service]," Fossen said. "It is always staffed with at least one individual that can help students with any processes ... they are having difficulty with, but also help them understand how to use

Scorpion Online ... so that next time they might not have to come to campus at all."

A U-Mix concession will be placed at the Info Shop soon, Fossen said.

"We are utilizing materials that are left over from the renovation of the [International Technology Education and Commerce Campus] ... to make the U-Mix a reality," she said. "The only thing it cost us was a little bit of labor in redesigning those pieces so that it would fit into the Info Shop but it was a very modest amount. We hope to have it available for student and faculty and staff use by the time school starts."

About 50 to 60 students visit the Info Shop per day, and a lot more visit Scorpion Online, Villarreal said.

He said some of the major advantages of Scorpion Online are that students are able to access their registration instantaneously.

"It is easier and faster to register and to search for classes," said Pablo Hernandez, a freshman business administration major. "You don't have to go through the hassle of coming and getting the professor you need. You can

do everything from your house."

Villarreal said students can also view their grades, print out a copy of their transcripts, view their test results, and anyone who is a prospective student and has applied online may also view their admissions application status.

Current students who have already selected a major or a degree plan are able to use the degree audit function, which could assist them in evaluating how much longer they have to take coursework or to graduate, Villarreal said.

Fossen said UTB/TSC students can access their financial aid information by using Scorpion Online.

"Students who are in the process of applying will know which of their ... financial aid transactions are completed and which are still pending," Fossen said. "They won't have to stand in [the financial aid] line as much or as often. They can just go to Scorpion Online and check their status."

Scorpion Online allows students to pay their tuition online with a credit card, Villarreal said.

"The additional functions that we are trying to bring up are for students to be able to pay for their graduation application, transcript request [and] provide payment for any balances due in their account," he said.

Villarreal said he plans to expand services with kiosks in the Endowment Courtyard and possibly the Student Union.

"For immediate action we are looking at implementing [an Info Shop] in ITECC," he said.

Fossen agreed, "We think ... the ITECC Info Shop will be up and running very soon."

Scorpion Online may be accessed at www.utb.edu in the Info Center, the library or personal computers.

For more information, contact the Enrollment Planning Office at 544-8829.

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HEP brings high school diplomas into reach

By Adrian Peña
Staff Writer

Pick and drop, pick and drop. The repetitious labor of picking cucumbers and corn in the unrelenting Arizona sun constituted four months in the life of Eric Adrian Ramirez in early 2003. Deciding that the life of a migrant worker wasn't for him, Ramirez sought other options.

Under the wide sky of Blue Earth, Minn., Maria Isabel Almendarez worked tirelessly canning peas and corn with her husband's family. After experiencing the harsh emotional and physical strains of seasonally employed migrant life, the mother searched for a better method of providing for her family.

"Starting over from scratch, making new friends, getting used to the environment and just having a feeling of belonging ... is hard," Almendarez said about moving from Brownsville to Minnesota in a commencement speech for the High School Equivalency

Program graduation on Aug. 5.

The desire of a better life led Ramirez and Almendarez to the UTB/TSC-sponsored program that assists adults, especially migrants, who have not completed high school in acquiring a General Education Development certificate of high school equivalency at no cost.

"At first, I just told myself I was going to do it," Almendarez told The Collegian in a recent interview. "I just got bored of being at home [when not employed as a migrant] and I said, 'I'm going to do it.'"

Almendarez received her certificate in 2002 and was asked to be the commencement speaker for this year's class. She spoke of the negative and skeptical attitudes of those around her regarding her academic venture.

"True, it was not always easy for me," she told the audience. "I too had persons telling me not to do it. ... My answer to that was that I wanted to succeed to be able to give my kids what they need and also to set a good exam-

ple for them."

Motivation was similar for the 18-year-old Ramirez.

"My reasons for enrolling were to succeed [and] to have a chance to learn," Ramirez said. "[HEP]'s really challenging. You have to be really focused, but it's not impossible. Not only is it fast, but it's a good program. They teach you well. You're not a number like in other public schools. [The faculty are] more specifically focusing on you."

Emma García, student support services coordinator for HEP, said a total of 88 students graduated on Aug. 5.

"I see myself encouraging other kids not to drop out from high school," said Almendarez, winner of the Texas Distinguished Alumnus Award, "[and] helping those who did come to get their GED."

After receiving her GED, Almendarez enrolled at UTB/TSC and earned a 4.0 GPA. She will receive her certificate of proficiency-office special-

ist in May 2004, which will serve as a steppingstone into a career in law.

"HEP is easy and fast," Ramirez said. "You still get your diploma either here or in high school. And plus, it opens many doors to work and education."

Thanks to confidence acquired in the program, Ramirez also enrolled at UTB/TSC to study computer technology.

Graduates of the HEP also receive a \$350 stipend from the state to continue their education, García said.

Almendarez called the program "phenomenal."

"You do not have to be phenomenal to do phenomenal things," Almendarez said in her commencement speech. "Some of you may think the word 'phenomenal' is too strong of a word, but being able to put together a group of migrant students with little or no education and getting them to the level of graduation from the High School Equivalency Program--that in itself is phenomenal."

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Welcome Week

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"It's Your Move"



ABOVE: Freshmen Cuauhtemoc Juarez (left) and Juan Salias duke it out at It's Your Move. **RIGHT:** Juarez reacts after delivering a knockout punch.



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Freshman Berta Avalos scales the rock wall next to the Music Building. The activity was part of the It's Your Move events last Tuesday.

"Casino Night"



Sophomore Silvia Reyes plays roulette during Casino Night last Wednesday at the Gran Salon in the Student Union. Her cousin, Lily Mendiola (left) looks on.

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LORENA CRUZ/COLLEGIAN

Dean of Students Mari Fuentes-Martín does a cartwheel during "It's Your Move" last Tuesday at the Gazebos.

Clubs promote extracurricular activities

By **Griselda Valerio**
Staff Writer

More than a dozen student clubs and organizations gathered at the Gazebos to recruit members during Join-A-Club Day. The clubs ranged from athletic and academic to social and cultural.

Participating clubs in the Aug. 27 event included the Anime Viewing Club, Campus Activities Board, Catholic Campus Ministry, Chess Club, Club Cultural Latinoamericano, Criminal Justice Association, Disability Awareness, Feminist Majority/VOX, Gorgas Science Society, International Student Organization, Kinesiology Club, Leadership Academy, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Student Government Association, Sigma Psi Delta, South Texas Engineering Math and Science Mentor Club, Students for Tennis Club, Students Toward Excellence in Medicine and Teatro Laberinto.

The Catholic Campus Ministry won \$100 for the best decorated table; it featured a miniature church made out of cardboard. The ministry is housed on campus at the Newman Center, where it sponsors Steal-A-Meal on Wednesdays, holds Mass on Tuesdays and provides a comfortable place where students can hang out.

The Anime Viewing Club meets to



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Tennis Club president Flor Cuevas describes club activities to Jesus Gutierrez, freshman kinesiology major.

watch anime, discuss Japanese culture, learn the Japanese language, learn how to draw anime and play video games, said Laura Paredes, club vice president and a sophomore computer science major.

Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance works cooperatively with VOX (Voices for Planned Parenthood) to bring awareness to the community about feminine equality, promote reproductive rights and educate the community about women's issues.

Sigma Psi Delta, the local sorority on campus, promotes sisterhood and

unites women through a variety of activities including community service, social events and fund-raising, said sorority president Thelma Reyna.

The American Criminal Justice Association Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Iota Kappa Chi chapter, is a national co-ed fraternity and academic organization for criminal justice majors. President Heather Franzone said that members participate in competitions related to criminal justice, such as written exams, physical agility and firearm expertise.

UTB/TSC also has a local Criminal

Justice Association club separate from Lambda Alpha Epsilon. It is the first club on campus to adopt a highway, said Stephen Aguilar, club recruiter and junior criminal justice major.

Students looking for opportunities to develop their leadership skills can join the Leadership Academy and take advantage of its seminars, workshops and guest speakers.

The Student Government Association informed students about the organization and helped more than 100 students register to vote, SGA President Edward Camarillo said.

Scorpion Tennis Club members "meet to play tennis and raise money to compete at Nationals," said Flor Cuevas, club president and senior psychology major.

Teatro Laberinto allows students to express themselves through acting and learn how to put a play together in both English and Spanish.

Club Cultural Latinoamericano hosts a variety of events that promote Mexican heritage through celebration of special days, such as Mexican Independence Day.

The Organization of Latin Americans works to promote unity in the Latin American community through community service and social events.

Move-In Day

Cristy Rivera (left), administrative assistant for Student Activities, answers questions from students about the Village at Fort Brown during Move-In Day Aug. 23.

Also shown are Janine Rosagaray (second from left), sophomore special education major; Danny Ramirez, administrative assistant for Student Affairs; Eliseo Herrera, head baseball coach; Aaron Biddle, volunteer baseball coach; and liberal arts freshmen Justin Davies and E.J. Sharp.



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Be considerate, smokers

By Dámaris Gloria

Columnist

If you've ever passed through the Endowment Courtyard, the area between North and South halls also known as the "equator," you know why people hang out there--to smoke.

Why do they smoke? My best guess would be that they started smoking in high school, where it was the "in" thing to do and they fell for peer pressure. They might still be thinking that it is cool when in reality it is not. It affects them and us--the non-smokers.

While getting from one class to another, the majority of us have to go through the Endowment Courtyard. There we encounter a cloud of smoke that gets into our lungs; that smoke is called second-hand smoke.

According to the American Lung Association, second-hand smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals; 200 are poisons; 43 cause cancer and it is responsible for 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 35,000 heart disease deaths each year. One non-smoker dies for every five to six smokers.

I believe that action should be taken to make our campus a better one by making it a smoke-free university.

Everyone would benefit from it, the students and the university itself. The students would benefit greatly because their health would not be jeopardized every time they are trying to get to class and have to put up

with all the smoke. They also wouldn't be bothered by the pungent odor of their smoker classmate, which would help them concentrate better in class.

The university would benefit in being smoke-free by getting some much needed money. It would get the money from fining those who smoke. The University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, fines anyone who smokes on or near campus up to \$5,000. Imagine how much money our university could get from these fines and how helpful this money could be.

The smokers might argue that they have the right to smoke, that it is a free country. Yes, they have the right to smoke and yes, it is a free country but in no place is it stated that they have the right to harm others' health. So why are they allowed to do so?

For the time being, smokers should be a bit more considerate of the majority of us who don't smoke. Don't stand smoking in the middle of the walkway. Don't walk and smoke at the same time because the smoke just blows onto the person walking behind you, and do not smoke in non-smoking areas. It might seem obvious but still I've seen it happen far too many times.

Until UTB/TSC becomes smoke-free, the smoking areas should be moved far away from the rest of us who prefer clean, healthy lungs as opposed to cancerous ones. Move them from the Endowment Courtyard to the parking lot behind the Life and Health Sciences building.

Letter to the Editor

With the summer coming to end and a new fall semester beginning, I can't help to say that I'm happy to see the "bad blood" that circulates the campus during summer gone. Bad blood?

I may be a little melodramatic but the "bad blood" I'm referring to are the summertime Scorpions that attend class from out-of-city/state universities.

For the last three months, I've had to hear the babble and bad-mouthing of how "horrible" UTB/TSC is and the blah, blah about how much better (fill in university name here) is. Now these people are my friends, but I hate to hear bad-mouthing of UTB/TSC. I already hear enough of the trash talking from the tons of current UTB students that don't like to be here and "are going to transfer out after two years." Pfft.

A lot of the students that bad mouth UTB come from UT-Austin. Now, I'm not bad-mouthing UT-Austin-it is the granddaddy of the University of Texas System and offers a wide array of degree plans, from aeronautical engineering to lighting design. Plus, it is the alma mater of many prominent Brownsville figures and role models. I like UT-Austin--but, it is also over 150 years old.

UTB just recently celebrated its 10th birthday as a full four-year university. That makes our university less than 10 percent of the age that UT-Austin is. That's a big difference.

UTB/TSC continues to grow and expand at a rapid pace--just this term UTB's enrollment skyrocketed to 10,500 registered students, up from just under 10,000 last year. Our dorms are also boasting a 100 percent capacity, up from just six months ago. We also just received the credentials to offer a master of science degree in physics.

We are no longer the community college that we once were. We are a growing, shining university with a bright future. Quit bad-mouthing us.

Finally, let's clarify a few things:

--No, our campus isn't the size of a small city.

--Yes, our professor surveys at the end of the semester are shorter in length.

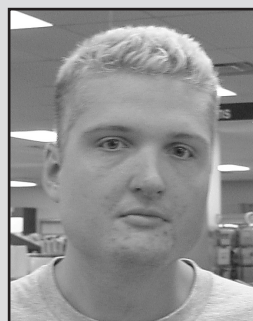
--No, you don't need an oxygen tank by your side while walking from one side of the campus to another.

--And no, we don't offer a degree in lighting design-but we're getting there.

Joshua Caldwell
Undeclared major

Student Soapbox

How do you spend your money?



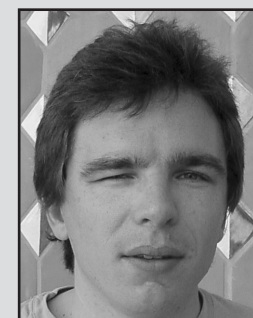
"I like to buy things for my family when I can, and lately I've been buying a lot of books to help me through school and paying my tuition."

--Richard Lackey
Freshman nursing major



"Buying books for school, Scantrons, anything that I need."

--Claudia Rodriguez
Freshman computer science major



"I spend it on food and books, and whatever is left over I spend on travel."

--Mark Hannam
Conducting postdoctoral research in physics



"On my apartment and food and textbooks, boring things."

--Miranda Dettwyler
Graduate student in physics



"Basically I do a lot of traveling in the summer and spending my money on books for school. I also play a little golf here and there. I am married and I have children, so that takes up a lot of my time and money, so that would be the No. 1 thing I spend my money on."

--Ricardo Rodriguez
Senior management major

--Compiled by Analiz Gonzalez

Team Sting puts out solid performance in scrimmage

By Louie Vera

Sports Editor

Team Sting went a perfect 5-0, sweeping Laredo, Matamoros and Tampico at a non-conference scrimmage held Aug. 22-23.

Team Sting won its final match Aug. 23 in straight sets 30-26, 30-19 against a very good Tampico team who defeated them last spring.

In Game 1 the Lady Scorpions battled back and forth against the pesky Tampico team, who eventually fell to the Scorpions 30-26 in the first set.

Game 2 saw Tampico build a comfortable 13-6 lead but was then quickly erased thanks to Xochitl Garza, who served eight straight points including two aces that put Team Sting ahead in the set. After Garza's streak of points, the team never looked back as it went on to win the set 30-19, giving them the victory in the match. (The match was shortened to a best of three due to time restraints.)

"In rally that's unheard of to be down seven and win by 16," Head Coach Skippy Brown said about the

team's incredible comeback. "It proves that this team doesn't give up."

Contributing to the win were outside hitters Mignon Talk with seven kills; Taeko Inoue, seven kills;

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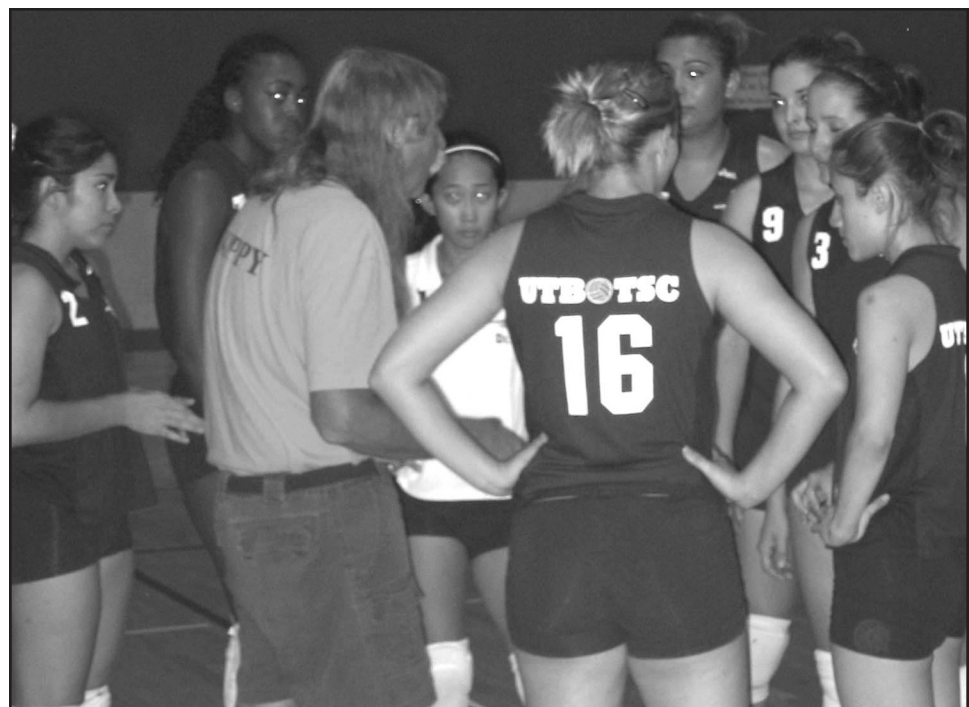
--Skippy Brown

Head Volleyball Coach

Xochitl Garza, seven kills and two aces; and setters Kami Buettner and Devon Watts, seven kills a piece. Team Captain Taylor Wade kept 14 balls in play, committing only one error. The team committed only four hitting errors and six passing errors in the entire match.

Last year Team Sting lost to Laredo in the regular season, but after sweeping them in the scrimmage, Brown feels confident about the team's play.

"[A] big win over Laredo proves what level we are at this year,"



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Coach Skippy Brown talks with the team during a timeout in the scrimmage against Laredo Community College on Aug. 22.

Brown said. "The girls are doing really well right now. These next two days will determine how we do this weekend at the Blinn Tournament. It's going to be a challenge, our goal is to make it to the gold bracket."

Team Sting was scheduled to com-

pete in the Blinn College Tournament on Aug. 29-30, with opponents including Temple University, Blinn and conference rival Laredo Community College. Results were not available at press time.

Team Sting Schedule

Date	Opponent/ Tourney	Site	Time
Sept. 4	Alumni Games	UTB/TSC	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Laredo	Laredo	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	Laredo Tournament	Laredo	9 p.m.
Sept. 24	Laredo	UTB/TSC	3 p.m.
Sept. 26	Wharton	UTB/TSC	6 p.m.
Oct. 3	Alvin	Alvin	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	Galveston	Galveston	2 p.m.
Oct. 10	Galveston	UTB/TSC	6 p.m.
Oct. 11	San Jacinto	UTB/TSC	2 p.m.
Oct. 18	Wharton	Wharton	6 p.m.
Oct. 24	Alvin	UTB/TSC	2 p.m.
Oct. 25	Galveston	UTB/TSC	6 p.m.
Oct. 31	San Jacinto	Pasadena	2 p.m.
Nov. 1	Lee	Baytown	11 a.m.
Nov. 15	Region XIV District G & 1	TBA	TBA
Nov. 16-19	NJCAA National Tournament	TBA	TBA

Athlete of the Week

By Louie Vera

Sports Editor

Name: Xochitl Garza

High School: Valley View

Classification: Sophomore

Major: Biology

Position: Middle

Height: 5'11"

Hobbies: Weight lifting, movies, going to the mall

Favorite Music/Band: Maná, Linkin Park

Began Playing Volleyball in: seventh grade

Personal Goals: "Finish college career, go a step further in volleyball and play for a Division 1 team."



Team Goals: "Win more games than last year, reach nationals."

Awards/Honors: High school Junior/Senior District MVP, All Valley Team.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? "Working, being settled."

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Dos virus de computadoras atrasan servicios en campus

Por Analiz González
Reportera

Estudiantes que fueron a las oficinas de Inscripciones y Admisiones a finales del mes pasado, tuvieron que esperar más de lo usual después de que la red computacional de UTB/TSC fue embestida, causando un atraso en los servicios.

Aproximadamente 20 computadoras fueron afectadas por los virus Blaster y Nichi, dijeron oficiales de la universidad.

"Partes de la red de la universidad fueron afectadas principalmente por Blaster", dijo Gus Barreda, director de Sistemas de Información.

"A pesar de que no afecto los archivos ni afecto ninguna de las computadoras... la red estuvo respondiendo muy lento".

El gerente de Sistemas de Información Gerald Alexander dijo que las computadoras de la universidad sufrieron de un retraso de cómo cuatro horas el 20 de agosto y tomó como otro 80 por ciento en dos o tres horas y para el día siguiente todo estaba de vuelta a la normalidad.

"La Inscripción Tardía era al día

siguiente y las inscripciones no se vieron afectadas para nada", dijo Alexander. "Pudo haber sido mucho peor".

Si el virus no hubiera sido detecta-

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--Gerald Alexander,
gerente de Sistemas de
Información

do a tiempo, pudo haber parado las inscripciones por completo, dijo él.

"Tenemos un muy buen personal aquí en la universidad que mantiene un monitoreo de estas actividades", dijo Barreda.

El dijo que el virus pegó en la universidad porque muchos empleados de UTB/TSC no mantenían su programa McAfee de antivirus al día.

"Si hubieran mantenido sus programas de antivirus al corriente, no

hubiéramos tenido el problema que tenemos", dijo Barreda.

Alexander dijo que UTB/TSC usa dos diferentes programas de antivirus en campus, Norton y McAfee. Norton permite que las oficinas principales de la universidad manden actualizaciones a todas las computadoras del campus, asegurando que todas las computadoras del campus estén al corriente. Las máquinas que usan McAfee requieren de una persona que vaya a la página de McAfee para actualizar el sistema.

Las 20 computadoras que no fueron actualizadas estaban protegidas con McAfee, dijo Barreda.

Con el propósito de prevenir en el futuro que algún virus entre en al red, el software de Norton ha sido comprado e instalado.

"Todas las computadoras personales de McAfee en UTB/TSC serán cambiadas a Norton", dijo Barreda.

"Será el estándar en toda la universidad y así todo será más seguro, a lo que se refiere a antivirus".

A pesar de que se perdió mucho tiempo, la universidad no tuvo que gastar mucho dinero en reparar los problemas causados por los virus, dijo Barreda.

"Hay personal que está arreglando estos problemas y su tiempo podría ser utilizado haciendo algo más productivo en lugar de estar tratando de recuperarse de un problema así", dijo él. "Como se dice, tiempo es dinero. No hicimos cosas que pudimos haber hecho por reparar y proteger las computadoras personales".

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Estudiante de Hoy

Por Lorena Cruz
Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

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¿Cuál ha sido tu reto más grande? " Mi reto más grande ha sido el volver a la universidad después de 17 años y tratar de enfrentarme a un idioma del cual solamente tenía los conocimientos más básicos".

¿Cuáles son tus metas a futuro? "Mis metas a futuro son el obtener un doctorado y apoyar a mi hija en sus metas a corto y largo plazo".

Si pudieras cambiar algo de la universidad, ¿Qué harías? "Anteriormente pensaba que debería de haber más programas de



ayuda hacia los estudiantes hispanos que como yo, han tenido problemas para superar los obstáculos académicos y triunfar en sus objetivos pero hoy con seguridad, yo diría que esta situación ha mejorado muchísimo gracias a los programas de ayuda para estudiantes hispanos".

Anécdota: "El regresar a la universidad y enfrentarme a lo que yo creía olvidado, fue algo tan fuerte que por mis nervios no podía ni caminar y mucho menos hablar. Además, me daba vergüenza el preguntar dónde estaban mis clases por miedo a que no me entendieran y no poder llegar a tiempo a ellas".

Buscando el indicado



ANDREW NENQUE/COLLEGIAN

Topazio Kim, estudiante del primer año en mercadotecnia, revisa la novela "De Puritanos al Post-Modernismo" en la Biblioteca Arnulfo Oliveira de UTB/TSC.

Cinema Club offers 'movies that teach'

By **Adrian Peña**
Staff Writer

Friday evening, 7 p.m.: You and a friend decide on a night at the cinema. You arrive early, walk in, take a seat and enjoy the show. After the lights come on and the credits start rolling, you and your friend quietly walk out of the Salon Gardenia discussing the film on the way to dinner.

The UTB/TSC Cinema Club showcases foreign films at no cost to all who are interested. Founded in 1998, the club showcases movies with a message for the viewing pleasure of the public.

"[The purpose of the Cinema Club] is to bring movies to the campus community that teach a lesson," said international student counselor Thelma Gonzalez-Sullivan and member of the Cinema Club. "These are out-of-the-ordinary movies. ... These are movies we specifically select that have a content that will either make you think, shock you, disgust you or make you fall in love with the movie."

With favorites as Mexico's "Amores Perros," Japan's "Shall We Dance?" and the adaptation of the Spanish drama "Bodas de Sangre," film selections are as eclectic as audience members.

"Sometimes we have a lot of younger people," Sullivan said, "sometimes we have a lot of older people [who are] more mature."

Initially calling SET-B home, the club moved to the Life and Health Sciences building last year, but will present its films in the Student Union's Salon Gardenia this semester.

"We have [had] two or three movies that have gathered a great deal of audience," Sullivan said, "that we actually had to go and bring chairs from another room because it was standing room only."

The Cinema Club has experienced growth in partnerships as well: Last summer saw the partnership with the Rio Grande Valley-based CineSol. The two organizations worked together to display some of CineSol's films on campus. The UTB/TSC Anime Viewing Club has also showcased a film on the Cinema Club's schedule.

Though film selections are varied, moviegoers share common interests.

"I would say that maybe one of the characteristics that some of these people have is their interest in other cultures or maybe other countries," Sullivan said.

The organization also strives to present films that pertain to certain university-oriented events. "We try to follow the calendar of the school year," Sullivan said. "If we're celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, we try to show movies that [coordinate] with our content. If we're celebrating Black History Month or Women's History Month ... we try to schedule a movie that will make reference to whatever the university is celebrating or promoting during that time."

The requirements for joining the club are simple.

"Only to be interested in film," Sullivan said.

The Cinema Club will host its first showing of the semester, "Phesis," at 7 p.m. Friday in Salon Gardenia, located on the second floor of the Student Union.

Other films to be shown this semester are as follows:

- "Y Tu Mamá También," Oct. 9
- "Bittersugar," Oct. 10
- "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" Oct. 24
- "Kikamuro," Nov. 21
- "La Famiglia," Dec. 12

Club Spotlight

Name: Sigma Psi Delta

Purpose: Sigma Psi Delta is based on sisterhood, community service and promotion of student life.

President: Thelma Reyna

Vice President: Sandra Luna

Secretary: Ana Nuñez

Treasurer: Heather Franzone

Historian: Rebeca Guerrero

Sponsor: Debbie Ann Perez

Requirements: College female, enrolled at UTB/TSC, minimum 2.0 GPA, applications due before Sept. 10.

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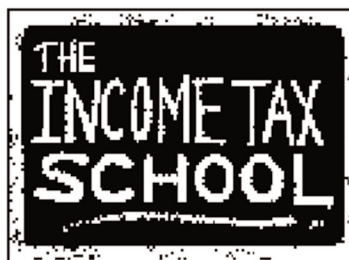
--Compiled by *Priscilla Garcia*



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Members of Sigma Psi Delta are (front row, from left) Debbie Ann Perez, Heather Franzone, Thelma Reyna and Adriana Herevia. Back row: Sandra Luna and Rebeca Guerrero.

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gram," according to an e-mail from Marilyn McAdam, attorney for Migrant Education for the Education Department, to HEP administrators earlier this summer.

There are 23 HEP and CAMP programs across the nation, eight of which are in Texas, Treviño said.

Asked what would happen if the program is not re-funded, Treviño replied, "Well, then we would be history."

Nineteen students currently are enrolled and scheduled to graduate in May 2004.

However, "if they go ahead and vote to give more funding for this program we probably will have another chance to reapply, maybe not this coming year, but the following," Treviño said.

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Study skills for the busy student

By Rogenna Provenzano

Is it hectic enough for ya' yet? It is very hard to be a student these days what with juggling relationships, work and family. Today, we are going to talk about how to get the most out of your education or how to get the most bang for your buck!

Time is something none of us ever has enough of, but instead of allowing it to manage us, we should manage time. Here are some tried and true tips for managing your study time:

- Set regular times and places to study. Study each subject often for a short period each day.

- Divide your work into small steps or goals. It is easier to tackle smaller assignments.

- Whatever you do, don't write down every word the instructor is saying. Instead, write down the main ideas/content/information. Develop your own abbreviation or shorthand to write notes and/or write your notes in an outline form.

- Review your notes after class. You may wish to rewrite or highlight important words or concepts from the

lecture.

- Maintain a healthy balance between your studies and your other activities or your job. It would be helpful to set up a schedule of anything and everything needing your time and attention. Be sure to include study and/or research time into the schedule.

- Concentrate. Concentrate on what is said in class and what you are reading and ask yourself questions about what you are listening to and reading. This will help you to think critically and reinforce what you are learning.

- Visit your instructor if you have questions about assignments or need help.

- Get organized. Organize your courses and their assignments. If you don't already have one, buy an organizer/calendar/agenda.

- Think of questions to ask in class. It is your education, so take advantage of it. Be a sponge.

- Relax. Remember to keep a balance, so be sure to take care of yourself by spending time with the people you enjoy and the activities you like. Focusing on work all of the time can lead to chronic stress and eventual

burnout.

Here are a few resources:

"The Study Skills Guide" by S. Drew and P. Bingham (Publisher: Gower Paperback)

"The Study Skills Handbook" 2nd Edition by Stella Cottrell (Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Web site link contains quizzes, tips and useful information for students: <http://www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.htm>

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Sources: "Building Better Student Skills: Practical Methods for Succeeding in College" by The American College Testing Program, Iowa City, Iowa

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Rogenna Provenzano is director of UTB/TSC's ASPIRE Program.

Campus Police Reports

The following are among the incidents reported by Campus Police Aug. 18-23.

At 2:24 p.m. Aug. 18, the driver of a Mitsubishi Montero was cited for driving on the sidewalk of International Boulevard.

At 2:07 p.m. Aug. 19, a laptop was stolen from SET-B room 2.342.

At 9:02 a.m. Aug. 20, a computer monitor was reported missing from Student Center room C-107.

At 2 p.m. Aug. 21, a student was escorted from the Arnulfo Oliveira Memorial Library to Campus Police headquarters for allegedly using abusive language while waiting in line during Arena Registration. He was issued a warning for disorderly conduct.

--Compiled by Griselda Valerio



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